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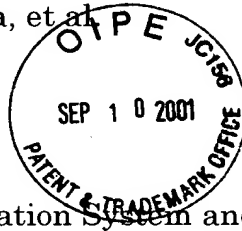
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination please amend the above-identified application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following clean amended portions of the specification for the corresponding present portions. Marked-up versions of the amended portions follow the remarks section of this Amendment.

Page 2, lines 11-17:

Furthermore, in order to evaluate the application program by confirming its operation, the same events are repeatedly evaluated in order to improve the evaluation accuracy. Therefore, in order to confirm the operation of the application program more efficiently at a higher accuracy, an automated evaluation system that can automatically and repeatedly input numerous input events and that can automatically evaluate output results corresponding to the input events is used.

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Then the ICE 51 emulates the operation of the application program AP according to the input event, and outputs an output result to the automated